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<u>AMENDMENT</u>

Dear Sir:

This communication is responsive to the outstanding Office Action mailed December 20, 2005. Please amend claim 27 as shown in the following listing of all pending claims. Reconsideration and allowance of claims 27-40 in view of the following remarks are respectfully requested.